

## Article - Education

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§7-1A-01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Cost of quality” means the per-pupil amount provided under § 5-229 of this article.
- (c) “Eligible prekindergarten provider” includes an:
  - (1) Eligible public provider; and
  - (2) Eligible private provider.
- (d) “Eligible public provider” means an early learning program that:
  - (1) Is provided by a county board at a public school; and
  - (2) Meets the requirements under § 7-1A-04 of this subtitle.
- (e) (1) “Eligible private provider” means a community based early learning program that:
  - (i) Is licensed in the State;
  - (ii) Does not charge more tuition for full-day prekindergarten than the cost of quality; and
  - (iii) Meets the requirements under § 7-1A-04 of this subtitle.
- (2) “Eligible private provider” includes the Ulysses Currie Head Start Program under § 5-231 of this article.
- (f) “Full-day prekindergarten” means an early learning program with a six and one-half hour school day.
- (g) “Prekindergarten program” means an early learning program at an eligible prekindergarten provider.
- (h) “Prekindergarten slot” means the available space for a child to attend a prekindergarten program.

- (i) “Tier I child” means a child:
  - (1) Who is 3 or 4 years old;
  - (2) Whose family income is less than or equal to 300% of the federal poverty level; and
  - (3) Whose family chooses to enroll the child in full-day prekindergarten.
- (j) “Tier II child” means a child:
  - (1) Who is 4 years old;
  - (2) Whose family income is more than 300% but not more than 600% of the federal poverty level; and
  - (3) Whose family chooses to enroll the child in full-day prekindergarten.
- (k) “Tier III child” means a child:
  - (1) Who is 4 years old;
  - (2) Whose family income is more than 600% of the federal poverty level; and
  - (3) Whose family chooses to enroll the child in full-day prekindergarten.

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